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RE: **DOCKET NO. 330** - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc.
application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the
construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 1294
Pleasant Valley Road North, Groton, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Davis:

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The Connecticut Siting Council is in receipt of your recent correspondence concerning Docket
No. 330. Thank you for taking the time to convey your thoughts to us.

Before making its final decision on an application, the Council will carefully consider all the
facts of the record. The record is developed by the Council; the applicant, parties and
intervenor in the proceeding; and members of the public who submit written statements to the
Council.

Please note that the Council developed a deliberate schedule to provide all persons an
opportunity to participate. This schedule includes a public hearing in your town, for the benefit
of the public.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter. The Council is guided by
its jurisdiction under Connecticut State Law and endeavors to hold all proceedings fairly and
open to the public. Please be assured that your comments will be carefully considered and made
part of the record.

Yours very truly,

S. Derek Phelps
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Executive Director

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S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Optasite Towers and Omnipoint Communications
1294 Pleasant Valley Road North, Groton, CT
Docket No. 330

Dear Mr. Phelps:

Please consider this a response of the Planning Department of the Town of Groton in the matter of the New Optasite Towers and Omnipoint Communications proposed communications facility at 1294 Pleasant Valley Road North in Groton. The Office of Planning and Development received your letter on March 21, 2007. This office reserves all other rights with regard to regulatory review of the project in accordance with the law. Please enter this information into the hearing record for April 18, 2007.

The Town of Groton currently has development standards in effect for review of Telecommunications Towers, Antennae and Facilities. These standards require that a comprehensive package of components be addressed by an applicant to assure that a proposal's siting, construction, and maintenance are accomplished in the public interest. In this regard, the Town's planning staff has identified the following items that still should be addressed in the proposal to the Connecticut Siting Council. These items include:

1. The plans and report should state "There shall be no advertising or signs, other than warning signs, permitted on any tower."
2. The plans and report should state that "The tower shall be removed from the site within 12 months of cessation of the use. In the event an unused tower is not removed within this time period, the tower and associated facilities may be removed by the Town and the cost of removal assessed against the property."
3. The plans should show that adequate fire access to any proposed tower. This usually includes a paved road that meets the Fire Department's width, clearance, and turn-around requirements and is able to hold a 60,000-lb. fire apparatus. Planning Staff suggests that the applicant work closely with the local Fire Marshal to obtain the appropriate access design.

4. The report needs to confirm that the tower design meets the updated State Building Code requirements for withstanding current pressure requirements. Please address.

These comments should provide you with a comprehensive record of the physical planning and design concerns associated with the project.

The Planning Department appreciates the efforts that have been made to allow for co-location of additional carriers as referred to in Exhibit A, page 15. The Town will continue to monitor the project to assure that the Town's concerns are adequately addressed. Also, feel free to call Susan C. Cullen, Planner I at this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Matthew J. Davis
Manager, Planning & Development
Services

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cc: Julie Kohler, Esq.